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THE LELAND - WIGHT PEDIGREE

Taken from the Leland Magazine or
Genealogical Review of Henry Leland and His Descendants
by Sherman Leland

The earliest known Leland is a John Leland who,was born in England, London, about 1512. He was an accomplished scholar, linguist, and writer during the reign of King Henry VIII, and an Oxford graduate. He was the king's chaplain and King's Antiquary. This office was created for John Leland and died with him. With this commission he was authorized to survey and examine all antiquities of the realm. He later presented the king with reports in book form. After the death of King Henry VIII, he became melancholy and depressed due to the fact he had overtaxed his mental powers under the magnitude of his self-imposed labors and finally moved into a permanent state of mental aberration.

A collection of John Leland's manuscripts may be seen in the Cottoman Collection in the British Museum, and other papers are to be found in the Bodlian Library in London, England.

John Leland died in London, April 18, 1552 and was buried at the west end of Cheapside and a street now passes over the place where his ashes lie.

Nearly a century and a half later in the 1600's, we find Henry Leland, ancestor of the American branch of the family, mentioned. This Henry Leland was a contemporary of the father of the illustrious theologian, John Leland D.D. who was born in Lancashire in 1691, so we might conclude that our Henry Leland was brought up in Lancashire, England.

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In Sherburne, Mass. there is an ancient burying ground where Henry and his three sons: Hopestill, Ebenezer, and Eleazer: are buried. Henry Leland arrived in this country in 1653 and he died in 1680, and between these two dates he acquires four to five hundred acres of land which was divided among his three sons at his death.

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The Leland Coat of Arms
Gules a saltee argent charges with three Pallets azure
on chief or crest, with a crow, rising transfixed with a arrow

Motto
"Cui debeo, fidus" - "Faithful to whom I owe (allegiance)"

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FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA - 1652

The Leland Magazine by Sherman Leland

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HENRY LELAND (also spelled Layland)
B. about 1625 in England
D. April 4, 1680 in Sherburne, Mass.
M. Margaret Badcock

Arrived in America in 1652 and lived in Dorchester for a while and joined the church there. Later he settled on land near Medfield, which is now Sherburne. Early births and deaths were entered on the Medfield Records.

CHILDREN:

Hopestill
B. May, 1653
D. 1653 - either enroute to America or soon after in Dorchester

Experience
B. May 16, 1654 near Medfield, Mass.
D. 1708 in Dedham, Mass.
M. John Colburn, farmer

Hopestill (farmer)
B. November 15, 1655 near Medfield, Mass.
D. 1729 in Sherburne, Mass (74 years)
M. (1st) Abigail Hill in 1678
(2nd) Patience Holbrook

Ebenezer (farmer and our ancestor)
B. January 25, 1657 near Medfield, Mass.
D. 1742, in Sherburne, Mass. (85 years)
M. (1st) Deborah ?
(2nd) Mary Hunt

Eleazer (farmer)
B. July 16, 1660 near Medfield, Mass.
D. 1703 in Sherburne, Mass
M. Sarah ?

SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA

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EBENEZER LELAND or LEALAND - a farmer)
B. January 25, 1657 near Medfield, (now Sherburne)
D. 1742 in Sherburne, Mass (85 years)
M. (1st) Deborah ?
(2nd) Mary Hunt

Ebenezer inherited from his father 67 acres of upland and 9 acres of meadow land in Sherburne; a pair of oxen and a colt. In the year 1707-1708 he received of his father 43 acres in advance, toward his portion

CHILDREN:

SECOND GENERATION (continued)

CHILDREN:

DEBORAH
B. 1679 in Sherburne, Mass.
D.
M.

EBENEZER (farmer)
B. 1681 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1745 in Sherburne, Mass.
M. Martha Death

TIMOTHY
B. 1684 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1748 in Holliston
M.

JAMES LEALAND (our ancestor)
B. 1687 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. moved to Grafton, Mass. in 1723 and died there in 1738
M. Hannah Larned or Learned

SUSANNAH
B. 1690 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. in Framingham, Mass.
M. John Page

PATIENCE
B. 1695 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. in Framingham, Mass.
M. Elkanah Haven

MARTHA
B. 1699 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. in Sherburne, Mass.
M. ? Jackson

ISAAC
B. 1702 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1731 in Holliston, Mass.
part of Sherburne became Holliston in 1724
M. Mary Hunt

SIBELLA
B. 1709 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1764 in Sutton, Mass.
M. Francis Dudley

AMARIAH (farmer)
B. 1710 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. moved to Providence in 1760 and again to Eden, Maine where he died in 1790
M. Ursula Lovett

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JAMES LELAND or LEALAND
B. 1687 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1768 in Grafton, Mass.
M. Hannah Larned or Learned

Received from his father in 1703 money - L 17 - 10 shillings. He moved from Sherburne in 1723 to Hassanamisco, which town was called Grafton after 1735.

CHILDREN:

JERUSHA
B. 1710 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1739 in Grafton, Mass.
M. Jacob Whipple

THANKFUL
B. 1710 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1714 in Sherburne, Mass.

BENJAMIN (farmer)
B. 1715 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1790 in Grafton, Mass.
M. Rebecca Parker

MOSES (captain and farmer)
B. 1716 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1797 in Sutton, Mass.
M. Abigail Robins

JAMES (farmer)
B. 1720 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1807 in Phelps, New York
M. Lucy Warren

HANNAH (our ancestor)
B. 1722 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1794 in Grafton, Mass.
M. Joseph Rice

THANKFUL
B. 1724 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1809 in Croyden, New Hampshire
M. Lemuel Powers

Thomas (farmer)
B. 1725 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1759 in Sutton, Mass.
M. Margaret Wood

Deliverance
B. 1729 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1805 among the Shakers in Worcester County
M. John Maynard

THIRD GENERATION (continued)

PHINEAS (farmer)
B. 1730 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1773 in Grafton, Mass.
M. (1st) Lydia Fletcher
(2nd) Sarah Warren

PRUDENCE
B. 1732 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1732 in Grafton, Mass.

NOTE: See Fourth Generation of Rices for further details:

RICES through to WIGHT

THIRD GENERATION
Hannah Leland married Joseph Rice[illegible] in 1739

FOURTH GENERATION
Timothy Rice married Mary Thwing in 1770

FIFTH GENERATION
Daniel Rice married Bethia Newhall in 1796

SIXTH GENERATION
Rhodolphus Rice married Charlotte Rice in 1825

SEVENTH GENERATION
SARAH RICE married Joseph E. Wight in 1855

THE RICE - WIGHT PEDIGREE

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Edmund, yeoman, Sudbury proprietor and selectman from 1639 to May 13, 1642 and deputy in 1643; also a member of the commission to convey lands at Whip Syfferage in 1657. He died 3 (2), 1656 about 62 years old. This would mean May 2, 1656 as they figured in those days.

Removed to Marlborough.
Thomas, Samuel and Joseph R. were also petitioners for church privileges there. Edmund sold land to his sons Edward and Henry Rice February 20, 1654.

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Edmund Rice was born in 1594 and was living in Berkhamstead in 1627 and came to this country from Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire , England in 1638. He was twice married. His first wife, Tamazine Misuir, died in Sudbury, where she was buried June 18, 1654. His second wife was a widow Mercie Hurd Brigham.

Edmund Rice was a prominent man in the settlement of Sudbury. He early owned lands in and out of town, some of which came by grant of the General Court. He shared in the three divisions of land made in Sudbury, the first of which was made in 1639.

His first dwelling place at Sudbury was on the old North Street. September 1, 1642 he sold this place to John Moore and September 13th of the same year leased for six years the Dunster Farm. He bought of the widow Axdell six acres of land and her dwelling house and some years later he bought Philemon' Whale's house and nine acres of land near "the Spring". These places together formed part of the old Rice homestead. This old homestead remained in the family for generations. Edmund sold it to his third son, Edmund.

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As the Rices were one of the earliest, so they have been one of the most numerous families in Marlborough,(now spelled Marlboro),Mass. Edmund Rice was a church deacon. He was honored with several appointments by the General Court, and was denominated therein "Goodman Rice". He was appointed to solemnize marriages in Marlborough and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens in both Sudbury and Marlborough.

Edmund Rice came to Marlborough soon after the grant of the township in 1657 and took up his abode on what is known as the "great road" on the northerly side of the Pond, not far from the Williams Tavern. We have no record of the birth of his children, and cannot set them down in chronological order.

A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY of the RICE FAMILY by Andrew H. Ward

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Edmund Rice's first name in our public records of his day is generally spelt Edmond; papers on the court files at Cambridge have his signature as Edmund, and so it is written in Berkhamstead, England.

The name Rice is of Welsh origin and in Wales was written and spoken with the prefix Ap- Ap Rice - but not so in England or in this country.

No record has been found of his embarkation. The ship he came over on may have been the Susan or Ellenbark. The first records show him at Sudbury with a wife and, at least, seven children, who came over with him from England.

He was a selectman in 1644 and subsequent years; deacon of the church in 1648; signed a petition in which he besought the General Court for the new plantation of Marlborough. Granted in 1660 Edmund Rice moved to Marlborough and had a house lot of fifty acres granted to him by the proprietor of the town. He was intrusted with various important duties by the General Court.

The deed showing the inventory of Edmund Rice of Marlboro, taken May 15, 1663 by Thomas King, John Woods, and John Stone showed a value of L 566 and the house and etc. valued at L 170. By another paper in the Probate offices, it appears that an inventory amounting to L743 8s. 4p. was taken of the estate of Edmund Rice "who died inestate" by William Ward, Thomas Loring, John Woods and John Stone, May 15, 1663. This one may be for the Sudbury property. His wife, Mercy, settled his estate.

DESCENDENTS OF BENJAMIN RICE OF CONWAY, MASS.
by Rev. Edwin Rice

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The bark "Susan and Ellen" was in commission at that time and brought many of Rice's contemporaries to Boston.

On Sept. 26, 1647, Edmund Rice leased the "Glover Farm" for ten years and on April 8, 1657 he purchased 200 acres known as the Jennison Farm. June 14, 1659 he and his son purchased the Dunster Farm.

Edmund Rice was one of the substantial men of the Sudbury Plantation. He was a freeman May 13, 1640 and was one of the committee appointed by the Colonial Court, September 4, 1639, to apportion lands to the inhabitants. He served as selectman from 1639 to 1644 and was deputy to the General Court several successive years. He was prominent in the settlement of Marlborough, for which town he was a petitioner in 1656.

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The Rice Grants. In 1652 he was allowed three pieces of meadow land of about 20 acres and 30 acres of upland.
In 1665 he received 80 more acres of land.
In 1659 he gave his son, Corp. Henry Rice, a deed to the land at Rice's End. Rice's End later became part of Framingham. He sold lands to his sons, Edward and Henry R., February 20, 1654.

THE FIRST GENERATION OF RICES

DESCENDENTS OF BENJAMIN RICE OF CONWAY, MASS.
by Rev. Edwin Rice

EDMUND RICE
B. 1594 in England
D. May 3, 1663 in Marlborough (buried in Sudbury) (age 69)
M. (1st) Tamazine Hisuir in England
B.
D. June 13, 1664 in Sudbury, Mass.

(2nd) Mercie Hurd Brigham (a widow) of Cambridge, Mass.
March 1, 1665

CHILDREN:

Henry
B. 1616 or 1617 in England
D.
M. Elizabeth Moore

Lived in Sudbury and Framingham, Mass.

Edward
B. 1618 or 1619 in England
D. August 16, 1712 - about 93 years old
M. (1st) Agnes Bent
B.
D.
(2nd) Anna ?
B.
D. June 4, 1713

Edmund
B. probably about 1621 in England
D.
M.

Thomas
B. Maybe about 1623 in England
D. November 16, 1681
M. Mary King)dau. of Thomas King.)

Mary
B. maybe about 1625 in England
D.
M.

Lydia
B. May 9, 1627 in England - baptized March 9, 1628 in Berkhamstead, England
D.
M. Hugh Drury.

They resided in Sudbury, Mass.

Matthew
B. Baptized Feb. 28, 1630 in England
D.
M. Martha Lampson or Lamson

They lived in Sudbury, Mass.

Samuel
B. in 1634 - baptized Nov. 12, 1635
D. February 25, 1685 in Marlboro (51 years about)
M. (1st) Elizabeth King on November 3, 1655
B.
D. 1667

(2nd) Mary Brown on September 2, 1668
B.
D.

Joseph (our ancestor)
B. baptized March 14, 1638
D. December 23, 1711 in Stowe, Mass. (age 76 years)
M. Mercy King May 4, 1658 in Sudbury, Mass.
B.
D.

Benjamin
B. May 31, 1640 in Sudbury, Mass.
D. May , 1663
M. Mercy Brigham
B.
D.

Daniel
B. 1655
D. July 6, 1737 (age 82 years)
M. (1st) Bethiah Ward on February 10, 1861
B.
D. December 8, 1721

(2nd) Elizabeth Welles Wheeler, a widow, May 9, 1725
B.
D.

Ruth
B. September 29, 1659
D.
M. Samuel Wells
B.
D.

Ann
B. November 19, 1661
D.
M. Nathaniel Gerry or Gary of Roxbury on Nov. 12, 1685

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In the year 1639 a company of 54 persons came to Sudbury, then a wilderness inhabited by the Indians, for the purpose of settling the town. Among them was Edmund Rice.

SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA

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JOSEPH RICE (our ancestor)
B. 1635 (?) Baptized March 14, 1638
D. December 23, 1711 in Stowe, Mass. (age 76 years)
M. (1st) Mercy King May 4, 1658 in Sudbury, Mass.
B.
D. who probably died soon after marriage

(2nd) Martha ?
B.
D, January 4, 1669 in Marlboro, Mass.

(3rd) Mary Beers in 1670 in Watertown, Mass.
B. in 1643
D. May 13, 1677 in Watertown, Mass.

(4th) Sarah or Sary Wheeler
B.
D.

CHILDREN:
By MARTHA
Rebecca
B. April 6, 1660 in Sudbury, Mass.
D.
M.

Martha
B. January 14, 1662 in Marlborough, Mass.
D.
M. Jonathan Cooledge and resided in Watertown

Josiah
B. May 3, 1663 in Marlborough, Mass.
D.
M.

Caleb
B. May 19, 1666 in Marlborough, Mass.
D. January 5, 1739 (age 73 years)
M. Mary Ward May 21, 1696
daughter of Samuel and Sarah Howe Ward.
B.
D. August 18, 1742 (age 66 years)

By Mary Beers
Joseph
B. June 5, 1671 in Marlborough, Mass.
D. December 3, 1745
M. (1st) Mercy Kerly November 10, 1708
B.
D.
(2nd) Elizabeth Robinson on December 4, 1728
B.
D.

Eleazer
B. October 26, 1672 in Marlborough, Mass.
D. young

Mary
B. August 6, 1674 in Marlborough, Mass.
D.
M. David Stone Resided at Watertown, Mass.

By Sarah Wheeler
Jonathan (deacon)
B. March 26, 1679 in Watertown, Mass.
D. June 7, 1772 in Sudbury, Mass (age,93 years)
M. Anne Derby March 25, 1702 in Concord, Mass.

Phinoas (Phenoias or Phinehas) (our ancestor)
B. August 24, 1682 in Marlborough, Mass.
D. September 4, 1768 in Grafton, Mass. (age, 86 years)
M. Elizabeth Willard October 2, 1707 in Sudbury, Mass.
B. 1689
D. March 9, 1761 in Grafton, Mass. (age, 72 years)

Sarah /
B. Feb. 14, 1680 in Watertown and died June 20, 1681 in Wat.

JOSEPH RICE was , no doubt, temporarily residing in Watertown about 1677 when his third wife died on May 13, 1677, in consequence of the destruction of Marlborough by the Indians in 1676. His fourth wife, Sarah, by whom he had two children born in Watertown, and one, the youngest, born in Marlborough after his return. gave birth to a daughter Sarah on February 14, 1680 in Watertown according to other records. This daughter died in Watertown June 20, 1681./

It is not improbable his last wife was Sarah Wheeler, as Isaac Wheeler, about 1682, choose his father-in-law, Joseph Rice, for his guardian.

JOSEPH RICE left Marlborough during the King Philip's War and resided in Watertown, Mass. and returned to Marlboro after the peace. Records show he was back in Marlboro between June 1681 and June 1682. He was assigned 22 acres of Land on November 26, 1660 for House lots.

Three citizens were assigned for garrison duty to Joseph Rice's home October 1, 1675, at the beginning of King Philip's War and the family supported the assigned soldiers. Marlborough was attacked the middle of February, 1676.

Taken from "Descendents of Benjamin Rice in Conway, Mass.
by Rev. Edward Rice
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HISTORY OF GRAFTON by Pierce

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PHINEHAS RICE
B. August 24, 1682 in Marlboro, Mass.
D. September 4, 1768 in Grafton, Mass. (age 86 years)
M. Elizabeth Willard October 2, 1707 in Sudbury, Mass.
B. 1689
D. March 9, 1761 in Grafton, Mass. (age 72 years)

CHILDREN:

Hannah
B. February 15, 1710 in Sudbury, Mass.
D.
M. M. John Barber Oct. 20, 1735 of Medfield, Mass.
B.
D.

(2nd) Israel Stevens of Grafton September 1, 1770
B.
D.

Joseph (our ancestor)
B. May 24, 1712 in Sudbury, Mass.
D. February 12, 1789 in Grafton (later Millbury), Mass.
M. (1st) Sarah ?
B.
D. December 31, 1738

(2nd) Hannah Leland July 16, 1739 in Grafton, Mass.
B. 1722 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1794 in Grafton, Mass.

Ann
B. October 18, 1717 in Sudbury, Mass.
D.
M. Benjamin Chapin

Elizabeth
B. April 28, 1723 in Sudbury, Mass.
D.
M. Timothy Darling of Grafton July 1, 1756

Israel
B. November 26, 1724 in Sudbury, Mass.
D.
M.

PHINEHAS lived in Sudbury 18 years where all his children were born. He moved to Stowe and represented the town in General Court. He was a proprietor or first owner of land in Grafton and moved there in the early days of its settlement.

Phinehas died of rose cancer on his face at 86. This eventually prevented him from taking nourishment. He was an active member in the church. He was a gentleman of an enlarged soul, bright parts, penetrating wit, tenacious memory, and well acquainted with men and books. Had he been favored with the advantages of a liberal education, perhaps his superior had scarce been found in New England. His vigor of body and powers of mind were remarkable in his advanced years, and his reason continued to the end.

Taken from the newspaper obituary.

Land granted to Phinehas

May ?, 1728	4 acres	
May 15, 1729	5 "	and 20 rods
May 11, 1738	51 "	
June 26,1728	more land	
October 29, 1729	5 acres	

He served as Moderator at the Proprietor's Meetings November 5, 1728 and November 19, 1728.

He served as selectman from 1752 through 1755.

History of Grafton by Pierce
Vital Records to 1850 of Grafton, Mass.
History of Conway, Mass. by Pease 1769 to 1917

JOSEPH RICE (our ancestor)
B. May 24, 1712 in Sudbury, Mass.
D. February 12, 1789 in Grafton (later known as Millbury), Mass.
M. (1st) Sarah ?
B.
D. December 31, 1738

(2nd) Hannah Leland July 16, 1739 in Grafton, Mass.
B. 1722 in Sherburne, Mass.
D. 1794 in Grafton, (later known as Millbury), Mass.

CHILDREN:
By his first wife, Sarah

Phineas
B. September 2, 1736
D.
M. Abigail Livermore

By his second wife, Hannah

Elizabeth
B. November 14, 1740 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1771 in Conway, Mass.
M. Benjamin Pulsifer

Israel (farmer and in 1762 was a pioneer settler in Conway, Mass)
B. November 10, 1742 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1883 in Conway, Mass.
M. Lydia Sherman November 22, 1764

In 1771 - 1777 he moved his family to Conway, also his sister Elizabeth Pulsifer and her family, Israel served in Capt. Lyon's Co. for 26 days in the Revolutionary War and was discharged July 15, 1778.

Sarah
B. January 22, 1744 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1778 in Grafton, Mass.
M. Henry Prentice December 10, 1763

Hannah
B. March 23, 1746 in Grafton, Mass.
D. July 20, 1748 in Grafton, Mass.

TIMOTHY (farmer and our ancestor)
B. February 10, 1748 in Grafton, Mass.
D. March 18, 1827 in Conway, Mass.
M. Mary Thwing - int. April 6, 1770 in Conway, Mass.
B.
D. August 23, 1825 in Conway, Mass.

FOURTH GENERATION (continued)

Daniel
B. January 19, 1750 in Grafton, Mass.
D. May 29, 1760 in Grafton, Mass.

Caleb (farmer)
B. March 20, 1753 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1835 in Phelphs, New York
M. Lucy Leland May 25, 1775

Caleb served as a Minite Man for 20 days.

Hannah
B. August 28, 1755 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1780 in Sutton, Mass.
M. Josiah Brown

Mary
B. February 16, 1758 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1841 in Millbury, Mass.
M. Asa Goodell

Daniel (Farmer and captain)
B. September 11, 1762 in Grafton, Mass.
D. 1830 in Millbury, Mass.
M. Anna Holbrook August 24, 1784
They moved to Millbury after marriage.

JOSEPH RICE was an Alarm Soldier in the French and Indian War, 1757. The Alarm Soldiersremained in town on duty and in case of necessity were called together by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson.

JOSEPH RICE was assigned a seat - "The fore seat of ye front" of the Grafton meeting house on November 15, 1738. Joseph and Hannah Rice are listed as members of the First Baptist Church, the second church in Grafton. The First Baptist Church was formed about 1774, but it was not until June 17, 1767 that a church building was erected.

JOSEPH was elected a deacon in 1784; a selectman in 1757; and he served as town treasurer from 1755 thru 1760; and served on the School Committee 1745 - 1747 - 1748 - 1757.

The will of JOSEPH RICE was written September 11, 1787, and proved May 4, 1789 leaving his property to his wife Hannah; to sons Phineas, Israel, Timothy, Caleb, and Daniel, and to the heirs of daughter, Elizabeth,Pulsifer; to heirs of daughter, Sarah Prentice; and to daughter, Mary Goodale.

THE FIFTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

History fo Grafton by Pierce
History of Conway by Pease

TIMOTHY RICE (our ancestor)
B. February 10, 1748 in Grafton, Mass.
D. March 18, 1827 in Conway, Mass.
M. Mary Thwing Rawson April 6, 1770 in Conway, Mass.
B.
D. August 23, 1825 in Conway, Mass.

CHILDREN:

DANIEL RICE (farmer and our ancestor)
B. June 28, 1771 in Conway, Mass.
D. April 27, 1863 in Conway, Mass.
M. Bethiah Newhall March 10, 1796 in Conway, Mass.
B. April 14, 1771
D. February 12, 1860

Isaac (drover)
B. October 18, 1773 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Cazenovia, New York
M. Anna Ware

Thankful
B. September 24, 1775 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Conway, Mass.
M. George Stearns

Mary
B. December 14, 1777 in Conway, Mass.
D. 1828 in Cazenovia, New York
M. Consider Amsden

Timothy (farmer)
B. February 14, 1780 in Conway, Mass.
D. 1850 in Conway, Mass.
M. Dorothy Newhall

Sarah
B. February 14, 1782 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Phelps, Ontario Co., New York
M. Joel Stearns

Electa
B. April 5, 1784 in Conway, Mass.
D. Sept. 1787 in Conway, Mass.

Elihu or Elisha
B. April 24, 1786 in Conway, Mass.
D. November 14, 1805 in Conway, Mass.

Leonard (farmer)
B. August 12, 1789 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Charlemont, Mass.
M. Charlotte Billings

FIFTH GENERATION (continued)

TIMOTHY and his brother Israel were early settlers in Conway, Mass. in 1762. They moved their families to Conway in 1766.

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Rice, Timothy - Corp. under Capt. Abel Dinsmore's company, Col. David Fields regiment. He enlisted August 17, 1777 and was discharged August 19, 1777 - a service of three days. Company marched to the Northward at request of General Gates and was dismissed by oreder of General Lincoln.

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THE SIXTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

History of Conway, Mass. by Pease

DANIEL RICE (farmer and our ancestor)
B. June 28, 1771 in Conway, Mass.
D. April 27, 1863 in Conway, Mass.
M. Bethiah Newhall March 10, 1796 in Conway, Mass.
B. April 14, 1771
D. February 12, 1860 in Conway, Mass.

CHILDREN:

RHODOLPHUS RICE (farmer, lieutenant, and our ancestor)
B. August 1, 1798 in Conway, Mass.
D. July 20, 1881 in Conway, Mass.
M. Charlotte Bond Rice - dau. of Daniel Rice
B. September 27, 1807
D. September 16, 1886

Amanda
B. June 10, 1800 in Conway, Mass.
D. 1839 in Conway, Mass.
M. Eliphalet Deniels

Electa
B. April 11, 1802 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Shelburne, Mass.
M. Ruel Severance of Shelburne August, 1825 in Conway, Mass.

Clarinda
B. March 12, 1804 Or 1805 in Conway, Mass.
D. 1844 in Shelburne, Mass.
M. Ebenezer Bardwell of Shelburne June 19, 1828

Bethiah
B. June 28, 1808 in Conway, Mass. or June 28, 1806
D. June 16, 1818 in Conway, Mass.

Emery
B. June 5, 1803 or 1811 in Conway, Mass.
D. October 26, 1816 in Conway, Mass.

Sarah
B. September 20, 1810 or 1813 in Conway, Mass.
D. in Shelburne, Mass.
M. Elisha Barnard

THE SEVENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

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RHODOLPHUS RICE (farmer, lieutenant, and our ancestor)
B. August 1, 1798 in Conway, Mass.
D. July 20, 1881 in Conway, Mass.
M. Charlotte Bond Rice -daughter of Daniel Rice -in 1826
B. September 24, 1806 or Sept. 27, 1807
D. September 16, 1886

CHILDREN:

Almania
B. June 14, 1827 in Conway, Mass.
D. June 26, 1845 in Conway, Mass.
M. Caleb Dickinson of Hatfield, Mass. January 4, 1849

Jane Amelia or Amelia Jane
B. October 30, 1828 in Conway, Mass.
D. June 26, 1845 in Conway, Mass.

Albert
B. November 5, 1830 in Conway, Mass.
D. January 24, 1919
M. (1st) Margaret Ames
(2nd) Etta Wells of Leominster, Mass.

SARAH (our ancestor)
B. August 19, 1832 in Conway, Mass.
D. March 30, 1920 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
M. Joseph Elmer Wight of Ashfield September 20, 1855 in Conway
B. Sept. 11, 1834 in Ashfield, Mass.
D. March 5, 1884 in Hatfield, Mass.

Daniel
B. November 16, 1834 in Conway, Mass.
D.
M. Lucy Dinsmore
B.
D.

Edwin
B. January 21, 1837 in Conway, Mass.
D. December , 1837 in Conway, Mass.

Edwin Rhodolphus (soldier)
B. December 12, 1838 in Conway, Mass.
D. March 23, 1863
M.

William
B. January 22, 1841 in Conway, Mass.
D. 1842 in Conway, Mass.

Charles William
B. September 22 in Conway, Mass.
D.
M. Martha Stearns

(OVER)

Walter Byron
B. January 3, 1847 in Conway, Mass.
D. August 29, 1934 in Spartanburg, South Carolina
M. Blanche Simpson
B. October 23, 1854 in Norwalk, Ohio.
D. July 2, 1922 in Chicago, Illinois

Metta B.

THE EIGHTH GENERATION OF RICES IN AMERICA

Family Records from here on.

SARAH RICE (our ancestor)
B. August 19, 1832 in Conway, Mass.
D. March 30, 1920 in Hatfield(Bradstreet), Mass.
M. Joseph Elmer Wight September 20, 1855 in Conway, Mass.
B. September 11, 1834 in Ashfield, Mass.
D. March 5, 1884 in Hatfield, Mass.

Sarah Rice Wight was a very capable woman with a great deal of executive ability, and successfully ran the Hatfield farm after her husband's death and made it pay for itself. Grandmother Wight always felt as if they bought the place twice, as Grandfather Wight lost everything in the big Chicago fire in 1871. Grandmother Wight was a very dignified old lady of the old school.

REFER BACK TO THE WIGHT FAMILY ninth thru fourteenth generations for further details on their family.

CHILDREN:

1. Charles Albert Wight
   B. August 26, 1856 in Ashfield, Mass.
2. Edwin Rice
   B. November 23, 1857 in Hatfield(Bradstreet), Mass.
3. Joseph Elmer
   B. August 30, 1860 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
4. Elloitt Howell
   B. November 24, 1862 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
5. Adelle Clara
   B. May 23, 1864 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
6. Sara Josephine
   B. October 18, 1866 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
7. Joseph Harris
   B. February 3, 1869 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.
8. Leland Howard
   B. March 3, 1871 in Hatfield (Bradstreet), Mass.